

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the arguments presented in the Response Under Rule 116 filed on August 11, 2004, related to claims 5, 12-15 and 16 are persuasive. Applicant gratefully acknowledges this indication and submits that claims 2-5 and 8-17 are in allowable form and request allowance thereof.

Further, by means of the present amendment, independent claims 18 and 20 have been amended to include features similar to allowable claim 14. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 18 and 20 be allowed. In addition, as claims 19, and 22-32 depend from independent claims 18 and 20, applicant respectfully requests that claims 19, and 22-32 also be allowed.

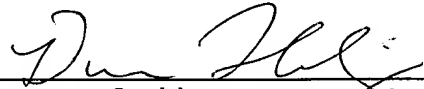
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

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